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METHOD AND BGM  
GENERATION METHOD

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## **REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, the period for response extending to September 18, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8, 10-12, and 14 are pending in this application. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-12, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamanoue et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,767,430). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the following reasons.

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